

Education and Social Services appropriations bill, a huge share of the Federal Government.

All of those programs at this point are in limbo because we still have not had resolutions worked out between the House and the Senate. So it seems to me that there is a high degree of congressional culpability for the fact that this Government is not operating under regular appropriations bills; and it also seems to me that it comes with considerable ill grace to blame the President for the fact that he has not even been able to consider whether to veto bills, because three of them have not gotten to him yet.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve my right to object, I think it is clear that one of the reasons this temporary spending bill is being brought to the floor is to avoid any debate over no budget, no pay, to make sure that this House does not go on record on the proposition as to whether or not Members of Congress will continue to take recesses and vacations, will continue to receive paychecks while this group of Republicans decides that 280,000 Federal employees will be furloughed and hundreds of thousands of innocent people will be penalized by the strategy. That is part of the strategy behind this temporary spending bill.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DURBIN. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. WALSH. I would just remind my colleague that the reason that those employees are not at work is because the President vetoed those appropriations bills—

Mr. DURBIN. Reclaiming my time, the gentleman—

Mr. WALSH. And we just had an opportunity to override that veto, and we did not get it done.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct. The gentleman from Illinois controls the time under his reservation.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia demands the regular order. Is there objection?

Mr. DURBIN. Can I continue my reservation?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia has demanded the regular order. The gentleman will have to choose the regular order. The gentleman will have to choose whether or not to object at this time.

Mr. DURBIN. If the gentleman will withdraw his regular order request, I promise to conclude my remarks momentarily.

Mr. KINGSTON. I will withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve my right to object.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman will yield, I would say to

my friend and fellow committee member, we have all worked very hard on this committee to try to get the District of Columbia back to work and get the appropriations bill passed and so forth. Unfortunately, it is one of the bills that is getting caught in this massive debate over the size and scope of Government over the next 7 years.

I think, as the gentleman knows well and certainly the ranking Committee on Appropriations member knows well, that the chairman has worked very hard on that process and will continue to do so. What we are trying to do now is at the request of the District of Columbia folks to let them continue to work.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve, I would like to ask the gentleman from New York one final question: Why are we passing this temporary spending bill for the District of Columbia?

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DURBIN. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, the delegate from the District of Columbia has asked us to try to get the people back to work. This is their money, it is not ours, and that is the reason. It is a very narrow CR that affects only their money, no Federal money.

Mr. DURBIN. I would just say to the gentleman from New York, I hope he will remember those words when the next D.C. appropriations bill comes up, because the gentleman has taken a position in the past that this Congress has some responsibility even over the local funds of the District of Columbia, and now he is saying that we should let them have their own money with no strings attached. I think that may not be consistent with the gentleman's overall position.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DURBIN. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I want to commend the gentleman's dialog. I think the gentleman has made an important connection here between the point of suspending the pay of the Members while we are suspending the pay of other people.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, regular order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia has renewed his request for regular order. Does the gentleman from Illinois object?

Mr. DURBIN. I object, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPEAKER TO DECLARE RECESSES SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR AND WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF CLAUSE 4(b) OF RULE XI WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ms. PRYCE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privilege report (Rept. No. 104-445) on the resolution (H. Res. 330) authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from January 5, 1996, through January 23, 1996; waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rules XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules during that period, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to be present for a number of rollcall votes at the end of last session. I was paired for several of the votes, but on other votes I would have voted as follows: Rollcall 871, "no." Rollcall 872, "no." Rollcall 873, "yes." Rollcall 874, "yes." Rollcall 875, "no." Rollcall 878, "no." Rollcall 879, "no." Rollcall 880, "no." Rollcall 881, "no." Rollcall 883, "no." Rollcall 884, "no."

EXTENSION OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT TO PRODUCTS OF BULGARIA

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1643) to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria in order to permit the immediate consideration in the House of the Senate amendment to the House amendment that is the Dole appropriation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers as recorded on page 534 of the House Rules Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the gentleman's request until it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

SUSPENDING PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Oversight be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2658), a bill which would suspend pay of Members of Congress during this Government shutdown and thereby force us to play by the same rules as the rest of the Federal Government, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the guidelines consistently issued by